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ROBERT E. WALKUP

February 17, 2010

The Honorable Gabrielle Giffords  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1728 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Giffords:

I heartily endorse Chief Villaseñor's request of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Tucson Police Department's (TPD) communications facility. This funding is critical to upgrade the current communications facility to support the County-wide Pima County Wireless Interoperability Network (PCWIN). When completed, PCWIN will allow all public safety entities to communicate effectively in the event of a major disaster/significant event thus increasing the safety and security of everyone living in the Tucson area.

A multi-jurisdictional effort, this funding request, if awarded, will be used to renovate the current TPD communications facility to bring it into compliance with Federal Regulations so that it can serve as a live back up for emergency communications for all jurisdictions inside of Pima County. Grant funding is necessary for the complete of this important project.

Thank you for your strong support to the City of Tucson and the Tucson Police Department.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Walkup  
Mayor

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